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TO: Program Delivery, Engineering, Permits/Operations, Construction, Maintenance, Local Grants/Field Districts, P3

SUBJECT: NPDES General Permit No. GAR041000 (MS4)

This is notice that the Department of Natural Resources/Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has recently issued a new NPDES General Permit GAR041000, Stormwater Discharges Associated with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The term of the new permit is from January 3, 2017 to January 2, 2022. The permit is published on EPD's website at:

http://epd.georgia.gov/sites/epd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/GDOT%202016%20Final%20Permit.pdf

A summary of important changes is provided below:

Section 4.2.5.1(a)

- Stormwater Runoff Quality/Reduction: *The stormwater management system shall be designed to retain up to the first 1.0 inch of rainfall on the site, to the maximum extent practical as defined in the EPD-approved GDOT stormwater design manual and infeasibility program described in 4.2.5.1(b).* The effect of this requirement is to give priority to infiltration BMPs. It does not mean that a BMP must be added where found to be infeasible or where an outfall exclusion applies. The GDOT Manual on Drainage Design for Highways (MDD) will be updated by December 2017, prior to when this requirements must be applied.
- Trout Stream Protection: A requirement relating to the protection of trout streams has been added. This requirement is considered to be fully satisfied with compliance with the Stormwater Runoff Quality/Reduction requirement.

Section 5.4, Impaired Waters: This section has been revised to extend the requirements of this section to *all* impaired waters. Previously, this requirement applied only to impaired waters where a TMDL had been defined by EPD.

Appendix B, Permitted Areas: Additional cities and counties have been added to this permit. These include the counties of Carroll, Dawson, Effingham, Jackson, Madison, Murray, and the city of Richmond Hill. Please see the attached map.

These new permit requirements apply to projects with concept approval on January 3, 2018 and after. Prior to this date, the original permit requirements will continue to apply to areas covered under the original permit. Refer to Section 4.2.5.1 of the permit for application to Design-build and P3 projects.

If you have any questions, you may contact either Brad McManus, P.E., at (404) 631-1630, bmcmanus@dot.ga.gov or Drew Martin, P.E., at (404) 631-1625, dmartin@dot.ga.gov.

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